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- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or Industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the International application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the International application

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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-6
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-6
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-6
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2. Citations and explanations

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US-A-5957186 is regarded as being the closest prior art to the subject-matter of claim 1, and discloses the features of the preamble of claim 1

The subject-matter of claim 1 differs from what is known in that said profiles are transversally slotted, from one side to the other, according to the referred plane or another one parallel to it, the slots developing also longitudinally along at least a portion of the length of the said profiles and in correspondence with the cited openings, in that the panel also comprises at least a plate provided with openings parallel between themselves and disposed in total or partial correspondence with the said openings existing in at least a portion of the length of the set of the respective profiles, plate(s) that is(are) introduced through the said slots existing in that portion of the length of the profiles, and in that this(these) plate(s) is(are) able to translate in the mentioned plane, through the referred correspondent slots in order to assume at least two distinct positions, one position of correspondence between its openings and the correspondent openings of the profiles - allowing the passage of light and air - and another of at least partial lack of correspondence between such openings - preventing, at least partially, the passage of light and air through the said openings.

The subject-matter of claim 1 is therefore new (Article 33(2) PCT).

The problem to be solved by the present invention may be regarded as regulating the passage of air and light through shutters.

The solution to this problem proposed in claim 1 of the present application is considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) as the proposed solution is not obvious and as the none of the available prior art would enable the skilled person to arrive at a shutter according to claim 1.

Claims 2-6 are dependent on claim 1 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.

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